

HOUSE BILL 1911

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to cruelty to animals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-202, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(3) and substituting instead the following language:

(3) Forsakes an animal entirely or neglects or refuses to provide and perform the legal obligation for care and support of an animal;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-202, is further amended by adding the following new subdivision to subsection (a):

(6) Abandons an animal to suffer injury or malnutrition or abandons any animal in a street, road or public place without providing for the care, sustenance, protection and shelter of such animal and is the owner or possessor of the animal or has lawful charge or custody of the animal.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.